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William R. Cook, Walter Hill, Peter S. Canning

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In typed object-oriented languages the subtype relation is typically based on the inheritance hierarchy. This approach, however, leads either to insecure type-systems or to restrictions on inheritance that make it less flexible than untyped Smalltalk inheritance. We present a new typed model of inheritance that allows more of the flexibility of Smalltalk inheritance within a statically-typed system. Significant features of our analysis are the introduction of polymorphism into the typing of ...

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I present the Ohmu language, a unified object model which allows a number of "advanced" techniques such as aspects, mixin layers, parametric polymorphism, and generative components to be implemented cleanly using two basic concepts: block structure and inheritance. I argue that conventional ways of defining classes and objects have created artificial distinctions which limit their expressiveness. The Ohmu model unifies functions, classes, instances, templates, and even aspects into a single cons ...

Keywords: aspect-oriented programming, aspects, code generation, covariant specialization, generative components, generative programming, generic types, join points, meta-programming, mixin layers, mixins, multiple inheritance, parametric polymorphism, partial evaluation, prototypes, transformation systems, virtual classes, virtual types

3 [Compiling inheritance using partial evaluation](#)

Siau Cheng Khoo, R. S. Sundaresh

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n Partial evaluation and semantics-based program manipulation, Volume 26

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Yanjun Lou, Z. Meral Ozsoyoglu

April 1991 **ACM SIGMOD Record , Proceedings of the 1991 ACM SIGMOD international conference on Management of data**, Volume 20 Issue 2Full text available:  [pdf\(1.22 MB\)](#) Additional Information: [full citation](#), [references](#), [citations](#), [index terms](#)**5 CLOS: integrating object-oriented and functional programming**


Richard P. Gabriel, Jon L. White, Daniel G. Bobrow

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Lisp has a long history as a functional language,* where action is invoked by calling a procedure, and where procedural abstraction and encapsulation provide convenient modularity boundaries. A number of attempts have been made to graft object-oriented programming into this framework without losing the essential character of Lisp—to include the benefits of data abstraction, extensible type classification, incremental operator definition, and code reuse through an ...

Keywords: Common Lisp Object Systems**6 Enhancement for multiple-inheritance**

James Hendler

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Krishna Kishore Dhara, Gary T. Leavens


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A common change to object-oriented software is to add a new type of data that is a subtype of some existing type in the program. However, due to message passing, unchanged pearls of the program may now call operations of the new type. To avoid reverification of unchanged code, such operations should have specifications that are related to the specifications of the appropriate operations in their supertypes. This paper presents a specification technique that uses inheritance of specifications to ...

Keywords: C++, behavioral subtyping, code reverification, formal specification, inheritance, message passing, object-oriented programming, object-oriented software, specification inheritance

F-logic: a higher-order language for reasoning about objects, inheritance, and scheme


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9 Space and time-efficient memory layout for multiple inheritance

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10 The direct cost of virtual function calls in C++

Karel Driesen, Urs Hölzle

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We study the direct cost of virtual function calls in C++ programs, assuming the standard implementation using virtual function tables. We measure this overhead experimentally for a number of large benchmark programs, using a combination of executable inspection and processor simulation. Our results show that the C++ programs measured spend a median of 5.2% of their time and 3.7% of their instructions in dispatch code. For "all virtuals" versions of the programs, the median overhead rises to 13. ...

11 Inheritance of interface specifications (extended abstract)


Gary T. Leavens

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Four alternatives for the semantics of inheritance of specifications are discussed. The information loss and frame axiom problems for inherited specifications are also considered.


12 Combination of inheritance hierarchies

Harold Ossher, William Harrison

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13 A denotational semantics of inheritance and its correctness

W. Cook, J. Palsberg

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This paper presents a denotational model of inheritance. The model is based on an intuitive motivation of the purpose of inheritance. The correctness of the model is demonstrated by proving it equivalent to an operational semantics of inheritance based upon the method-lookup algorithm of object-oriented languages. Although it was originally developed to explain inheritance in object-oriented languages, the model shows that inheritance is a general mechanism that may be applied to any form o ...

14 Integrating inheritance and synchronization in Ada9X

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October 1993 **Proceedings of the conference on TRI-Ada '93**Full text available:  [pdf\(1.11 MB\)](#) Additional Information: [full citation](#), [references](#), [citations](#), [index terms](#)**15 Inheritance and constraint-based grammar formalisms**

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16 A calculus for overloaded functions with subtyping

Giuseppe Castagna, Giorgio Ghelli, Giuseppe Longo

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We present a simple extension of typed &lgr;-calculus where functions can be overloaded by adding different "pieces of code". In short, the code of an overloaded function is formed by several branches of code; the branch to execute is chosen, when the function is applied, according to a particular selection rule which depends on the type of the argument. The crucial feature of the present approach is that a subtyping relation is defied among types, such that ...

17 Assessing software libraries by browsing similar classes, functions and relationships

Amir Michail, David Notkin

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18 Function preconditions in object oriented software

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Functions in nonobject oriented languages are typically designed to minimize any preconditions which must be satisfied before the function can be legally called. In object oriented languages this prescription can reduce the refinement of the function through derivation. A tradeoff must be made between refinement potential, efficiency, and risk of incorrect usage.

19 Type theories and object-oriented programming

Scott Danforth, Chris Tomlinson

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Object-oriented programming is becoming a popular approach to the construction of complex software systems. Benefits of object orientation include support for modular design, code sharing, and extensibility. In order to make the most of these advantages, a type theory for objects and their interactions should be developed to aid checking and controlled derivation of programs and to support early binding of code bodies for efficiency. As a step in this direction, this paper surveys a number ...

20 Types and persistence in database programming languages

Malcolm P. Atkinson, O. Peter Buneman

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2 Inheritance concept for signals in object-oriented extensions to VHDL

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3 Analysis methodology: Optimization via simulation: two-stage NP method with inheritance

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The nested partitions method is a flexible and effective framework of optimizing large-scale problems with combinatorial structure. In this paper we consider the nested partitions method for simulation optimization and propose a new variant that uses inheritance to speed convergence. The new nested partitions method with inheritance algorithm performs well for when applied to test problems but it also calls for new analysis of convergence.

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5 LPL++: object programming language with built-in inheritance through unification

Ismail H. Toroslu

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In this paper, an object logic programming language is proposed that captures all of the basic object-oriented concepts in standard logic programming environment. This paper combines and extends two previously proposed models, namely Conery's technique (1988) which uses first-order logic to model objects including all of the basic object-oriented concepts except inheritance, and the LOGIN language of Ait-Kaci and Nasr (1986) which embeds inheritance into unification using typed logic. In this paper ...

Keywords: deductive databases, inheritance, logic programming, object-oriented databases, unification

6 "...And nothing else changes": the frame problem in procedure specifications

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7 Behavioral inheritance: concepts, Ada implementation and experience

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8 An architecture for object management in OIS

Matts Ahlsen, Anders Bjornerstedt, Stefan Britts, Christer Hulten, Lars Soderlund

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10 [Omega: a uniform object model easy to gain Ada's ends](#)

Xianzhong Liang, Zhenyu Wang

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Ada provides full capacities of supporting object-orientation, but multiplex object patterns introduced by Ada are so complex that it is difficult for novices to master them. Investigating object patterns implemented by package, protected and task units, this paper presents a uniform object model (Omega), so as to simplify object-orientation with Ada. And exploiting Ada95's capacities, an approach of an Omega pre-processor is also made in confirmation of the model, which rationally hides from th ...

11 [Understanding object-oriented: a unifying paradigm](#)

Tim Korson, John D. McGregor

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The need to develop and maintain large complex software systems in a competitive and dynamic environment has driven interest in new approaches to software design and development. The problems with the classical waterfall model have been cataloged in almost every software engineering text [19,23]. In response, alternative models such as the spiral [2], and fountain [9] have been proposed. Problems with traditional development using the classical life cycle include no iteration, no ...

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13 [Unified dialogue management in the carousel system](#)

Erik Sandewall

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The paper describes the design for a software environment which unifies the dialogue management support of a number of existing software tools, such as command-language handlers, operating-system shells, transition diagram interpreters, and forms management

systems. The unification is accomplished without undue complexity: the resulting design is clean and inspectable. A key notion in the design is the use of three orthogonal abstraction hierarchies, for interaction contexts, for interactive oper ...

14 Semantic analysis of virtual classes and tested classes

Ole Lehrmann Madsen

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Virtual classes and nested classes are distinguishing features of BETA. Nested classes originated from Simula, but until recently they have not been part of main stream object-oriented languages. C++ has a restricted form of nested classes and they were included in Java 1.1. Virtual classes is the BETA mechanism for expressing generic classes and virtual classes is an alternative to parameterized classes. There has recently been an increasing interest in virtual classes and a number of pro ...

Keywords: generic class, parameterized class, semantic analysis, virtual class

15 On understanding types, data abstraction, and polymorphism

Luca Cardelli, Peter Wegner

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Our objective is to understand the notion of *type* in programming languages, present a model of typed, polymorphic programming languages that reflects recent research in type theory, and examine the relevance of recent research to the design of practical programming languages. Object-oriented languages provide both a framework and a motivation for exploring the interaction among the concepts of type, data abstraction, and polymorphism, since they extend the notion of type t ...

16 Unreachable procedures in object-oriented programming

Amitabh Srivastava

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Unreachable procedures are procedures that can never be invoked. Their existence may adversely affect the performance of a program. Unfortunately, their detection requires the entire program to be present. Using a long-time code modification system, we analyze large, linked, program modules of C++, C, and Fortran. We find that C++ programs using object-oriented programming style contain a large fraction of unreachable procedure code. In contrast, C and Fortran programs have a low and essent ...

Keywords: link-time code modification system

17 Managing geometric complexity with enhanced procedural models

Phil Amburn, Eric Grant, Turner Whitted

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We illustrate two enhancements to procedural geometric models which allow autonomous procedures to jointly satisfy mutual constraints. One of the techniques adds communications paths between procedures which may affect one another. Conflicts are resolved by modifying communicating procedures as they execute. The second technique is a generalization of widely used subdivision procedures. The termination test of typical subdivision methods is replaced with a "transition" test. The subdivision proce ...

18 [Type substitution for object-oriented programming](#)


Jens Palsberg, Michael I. Schwartzbach

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Genericity allows the substitution of types in a class. This is usually obtained through parameterized classes, although they are inflexible since any class can be inherited but is not in itself parameterized. We suggest a new genericity mechanism, type substitution, which is a subclassing concept that complements inheritance: any class is generic, can be "instantiated" gradually without planning, and has all of its generic instances as subclasses.

19 [An object-oriented framework of pattern recognition systems](#)

Norihiko Yoshida, Kouji Hino

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In this paper, we describe a purely object-oriented framework of pattern recognition systems. Its aim is in dealing with knowledge representation issues in pattern recognition. In our approach, everything works in an entirely autonomous and decentralized manner. Even a search procedure for sample-concept matching is distributed onto every concept object itself by being implemented in what we introduced as the recursive agent-blackboard model. We developed an experimental prototype of charac ...

20 [What does Modular-2 need to fully support object oriented programming?](#)

Joseph Bergin, Stuart Greenfield

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